

CHOATE ELOQUENT IN PLEA FOR PEACE

Brilliant Lawyer Makes Fine Exposition of the American Project.

FOR INTERNATIONAL COURT

Expenses of the Tribunal to Be Borne by Powers in Common.

THE HAGUE, August 1.—The general opinion expressed to-night is that the real peace conference began to-day with the initiative of the American delegates, who for their speeches to-day on arbitration are praised for their determination to carry forward a logical proposition that is believed to be the most important effort for the pacification of the world.

James H. Choate and James Brown Scott, of the American delegation, before the special committee on arbitration, reviewed the American proposition, dealing with arbitration from the standpoint of humanity as well as of international law.

Professor de Martens (Prussia) declared that the principle of arbitration now under discussion was proposed by Russia in 1899. Germany, Great Britain and Mexico in general supported the American proposition. Dr. Drago (Argentina) supported the Argentine proposal.

Mr. Choate, in his speech, explained that the instructions given to the American delegates were to see that the judges of this court be selected from different countries, and that they should represent the different systems of law and procedure and the most important languages of the world. The court was to be of such dignity, consideration and rank that the best and ablest jurists could accept appointment thereto. The cause of general arbitration as a substitute for war in the settlement of international differences has advanced with leaps and bounds since the call for the first conference. Nothing more strongly demonstrates the utility of the great work of this conference than the general respect of nations and the affectionate sentiments among themselves, as sure means of securing justice and protection.

Plan of Arbitration Court.

"Our hope is to preserve and perpetuate the excellent work of the first conference, carrying it on to its logical conclusion.

"The work of that conference, however, has not proved altogether adequate to meet the progressive demands of nations.

"The plan proposed by the United States," said Mr. Choate, "does not depart from the voluntary court already established. No nation will be compelled to come before it, but it will be open to all who desire to settle their differences by peaceful methods."

Mr. Choate described the project article by article in eloquent terms, dwelling on every salient point.

"The United States proposed that the expenses of the new court and the salaries of the judges be borne by the powers in common. This would make the court free to whomsoever appealed to it."

Propose Seventeen Judges.

Mr. Choate proposed that a suitable committee be appointed to frame a constitution for, and decide upon the powers of, the projected court, saying he thought it would be well to have seventeen judges instead of fifteen, so that the committee's representation would be more general.

In conclusion, Mr. Choate said: "It is six weeks since this conference first assembled, and there is certainly no time to lose. We have done much to regulate war and very little to prevent it. Let us unite on this great peace measure and satisfy the world that the second peace conference really desires that in the future peace and not war be the normal condition of civilized nations."

EVANS PREPARING FOR THE CRUISE

In Washington Looking After Matters Pertinent to the Sailing of the Fleet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander of the Atlantic fleet, who is a native of Albemarle county, Va., is in town for a few days. He is looking after a number of matters preliminary to the sailing of the fleet, which is expected to start on its cruise to the Pacific in a few days. All navy officers, and the administration itself, are trying to cast the impression that perhaps the fleet will not go to the Pacific after all, but at the same time the preparations for a Pacific cruise are proceeding merrily along.

In the early fall months there will be a trying out of the Connecticut and the Louisiana. Admiral Evans says that it will not be a race, but at the same time it is known that the whole navy is interested in knowing which is the better, the government-built Connecticut or the privately-built Louisiana, and that to determine that question, the two boats will be put through their paces in a way that anywhere else than in the navy it would be called a race.

COMPACTNESS OF EXPOSITION ONE OF GOOD FEATURES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

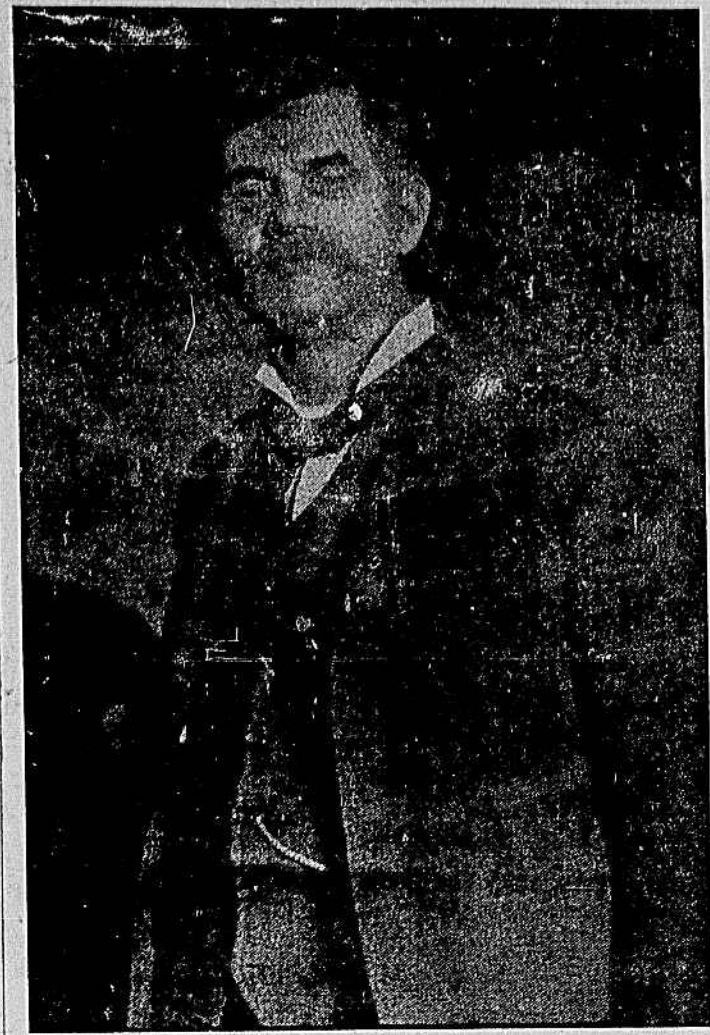
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—Mr. A. R. Ruff and his two sisters, of Harrisonburg, Va., are on their way to-day on their way home from the Jamestown Exposition. Mr. Ruff went to the exposition as the guest of a leading department store, which gave as a prize for the best suggestion as to store arrangement a trip to the exposition. He has a number of interesting stories to tell, and speaks in the highest praise of the Jamestown Exposition. He says that its compactness is one of its great features, and that in a great many ways it is the most attractive exposition he has seen.

JOHNSTON IS NAMED.

He Will Stand Firmly in Senate for States' Rights.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., August 1.—Joseph P. Johnston was to-day unanimously nominated in joint caucus of the democrats of the two houses to succeed all but two of the entire membership of its Legislature, to succeed Senator Pettus in the United States Senate, his time to run to 1916. Mr. Johnston was twice Governor of the State and once ran against the late Senator Morgan for the Senate. In speaking of Johnston, he said: "So far as I am concerned I shall stand in the Senate for the rights of the States, and I shall stand against the nullifying of the acts of our Legislature until they shall have been declared contrary to the Constitution by the highest tribunal in the land."

VICTOR OVER VARDAMAN



HON. JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS.
Choice of Mississippi Democrats for United States Senate.

NOT DECIDE CASE UNTIL NEXT FALL

Loo Creek Colliery Company's Complaint Not to Be Passed Upon Now.

OTHER CASES TO GO OVER

Those of Coal Companies Against the Southern and the Norfolk and Western.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—It was said at the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day that the case of the Loo Creek Colliery Company against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, in which the coal company seeks to force the Chesapeake and Ohio to give it a better rate, will not be decided before fall. The same applies to the complaints of the Virginia Lee and other coal companies in Southwest Virginia, which are after the Southern and the Norfolk and Western with a sharp stick with reference to switching facilities and rates.

The commissioners are now all off on their vacations except Commissioner Clark, who is still in Washington. It is expected that they will return to Washington about the first of September, and that the rate mill will then begin to grind again.

S. L. Lupton, of Frederick county, Va., who was at one time a member of the Virginia Senate, and later purchasing agent for the Panama Canal, which position he resigned to accept another with the United Fruit Company, is now a special agent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and is now in the field looking after matters pertaining to the affairs of the commission. Since his connection with the second Cleveland administration Mr. Lupton has held a number of positions under the government, and has made an excellent record in each of them. His selection as a special agent of the Interstate Commerce Commission was made on the strength of his past record in the government service.

FRANKLIN TELLS HOW SCOTCH DID

Let Lawyers Name Judges, and They Always Selected Best Men to Share Practice.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—In looking up the debates in the convention that framed the United States Constitution, in an effort to find what was said in that body about the original jurisdiction of state was a party in cases arising from the most characteristic things Benjamin Franklin ever uttered.

It was while they were considering the question of how the judiciary should be selected. Some had proposed that it be done by Congress, others that it be appointed by the President, and many others who were in the majority were in favor of the plan which arose and the chronicle of the incident tells us that:

"In a brief but entertaining speech Dr. Franklin stated that the Scotch have a way of nominating judges by the lawyers, who always take the best in order to get rid of him and share his practice among themselves."

The record of the convention is full of witticisms by "Doctor" Franklin, and the debates as "Doctor" Franklin.

PLANS MONUMENT TO JOHN D.

Texan Admirer Also Names Hotel and Farm for Oil Kings.

DENTON, TEXAS, August 1.—Regarding John D. Rockefeller as "the greatest man the world ever has produced," to quote his own words, A. G. Lee, of this city, has begun work on a unique monument to the oil king. Lee has named his farm, two miles from town, "The Rockefeller Farm," and on it last March he began to pile up stones with the intention of adding to them from time to time until he has the largest pile of rock in the world. When completed he intends to invite Rockefeller to visit him. Lee always has considered Rockefeller a benefactor of mankind, and the

enthusiasm with which he works on the monument indicates his sincerity. In addition to naming his farm for the oil magnate, he also has changed the name of the hotel here, which he names the "John D. Rockefeller Hotel."

WANTS MOTHER-IN-LAW BACK.

Lawyer Resorts to Habeas Corpus Because She Stays Away.

CLEVELAND, August 1.—Lonesome because his mother-in-law had left his home, Eugene C. Mathivet, a wealthy attorney, began action to-day in Probate Court to enforce her return. He resorted to an action in habeas corpus, claiming that Mrs. Bessie R. Robinson, his mother-in-law, had been persuaded to leave him, and was forcibly restrained from returning. He named Mrs. D. B. Strickler, a neighbor, as being responsible for Mrs. Robinson's absence. All of the parties named reside in a fashionable neighborhood and are well-to-do.

MUST HOLD PHILIPPINES.

Recent Election Shows the People Unfit for Self-Government.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—Officials here believe that the result of the election in the Philippines leaves nothing to be done but to prepare to hold the islands indefinitely. They say that the result of the election shows most clearly that Filipinos are unfit to govern themselves, and that they cannot even take any important part in the affairs of the islands. Secretary Taft intended to study the situation carefully when he goes to the Philippines in the fall, and will make a draft of legislation which he thinks will meet the situation.

MINISTER PEARSON TO SAIL FOR GREECE TO-DAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, recently appointed American Minister to Greece, to-day left for New York for the purpose of sailing for Liverpool. While en route to his post at Athens, Minister Pearson will stop at Vienna, where he hopes to receive definite advice from the United States government as to whether he shall return to his former post at Teheran, to adjust some diplomatic matters pending between this country and the Persian government, or proceed direct to Athens.

W. H. CRAWFORD'S NIECE NOW DYING IN GEORGIA

AUGUSTA, GA., August 1.—Miss S. J. Crawford, aged ninety-four, the oldest living member of the famous Crawford family, died yesterday at her home in Georgia. She was the widow of a former member of the Georgia House of Representatives, and was a member of the Georgia House of Representatives. She was a member of the Georgia House of Representatives.

GEORGIA PROHIBITION BILL PASSED UPON BY SENATE

ATLANTA, GA., August 1.—The Senate spent three hours yesterday in the prohibition bill. It came from the House for concurrent action. Several amendments were offered, but were defeated. The bill was passed as it came from the House, with the exception that a verbal correction was made, which will necessitate the bill returning to the House for confirmation of this correction before the act can go to Governor Smith for his signature.

Two New Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—Postmasters appointed: Virginia—Laurel Mills, Randolph county, William R. Spillman, vice William N. Smith, deceased.

North Carolina—Hanrahan, Pitt county, Walter L. McLawhorn, vice J. McLawhorn, resigned.

Thunderbolt Kills Six.

POSEN, GERMANY, August 1.—Six persons were killed by lightning to-day, and enormous damage was done to crops by extensive floods as a consequence of a terrific storm.

BROKEN COG DOES DAMAGE

John Kennedy Seriously Hurt at Belle Isle Plant Yesterday.

John Kennedy, a young white man employed in the horse-shoe plant on Belle Isle, had a cog wheel of his machine to break suddenly yesterday. Kennedy started back to avoid the broken machine and struck his head against another piece of moving machinery, making a severe gash behind his ear. He was treated by Dr. Strolo, of the city ambulance, and taken to his home No. 609 South First Street. The wound is a serious one, and it will be several days before the doctors can determine what the outcome will be.

The Great Mid-Season Stock-Relief Unloading Sale Goes Merrily On!

The powerful, irresistible influence of price reduction as a stock clearing measure is self-demonstrative in the great trade movement now in force at the Big Store. Busier by far than at the height of the season; bigger crowds, greater and more spirited selling. Vast quantities of merchandise disposed of day after day. These are the records made ever since the first announcement of our Semi-Annual Clearing Sale, justly classing it among our most successful after-season efforts.

\$9.50	\$12.50	\$14.50	\$16.50
August Reduction Price of Suits, were \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15.00.	August Reduction Price of Suits, were \$16.50, \$18.00, \$20.00.	August Reduction Price of Suits, were \$22.50 and \$25.00.	August Reduction Price of Suits, were \$27.50 and \$30.00.

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All the \$4.00 and \$5.00 grades, - - -	\$2.65	All the \$1.00 Suits, - - -	59c
All the \$6.00 and \$7.00 grades, - - -	\$3.45	All the \$1.25 and \$1.50 Suits, - - -	79c
All the \$7.50 and \$8.00 grades, - - -	\$3.95	All the \$2.00 and \$2.50 Suits, - - -	\$1.29
All the \$8.50, \$9.00 and \$10. grades, \$4.95		All the \$3.00 and \$3.50 Suits, - - -	\$1.49

Extra Special Bargains.

Mother's Friend and Puritan Blouses, 50c and 75c grades....	39c	Boys' Stockings, the well-known Golden Star brand; narrow rib, double heel and toe, warranted absolutely stainless; actual 15c value, all sizes.....	9c	Boys' Balbriggan Underwear, long and short sleeves, long or knee drawers; worth 35c; special..	19c
Boys' 50c and 75c Negligee Shirts; choice.....	39c			Children's Sturdy Knee Pants, warranted, all sizes; worth 35c; special..	19c

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COUNCIL TO HELP IN NEW TERRITORY

Ordinance to Provide Money to Carry on Work Now Under Way.

THE BONDS NOT YET SOLD

More Than Five Thousand Dollars Needed to Lay Sewers and Pipes.

Records were broken at the meeting of the Common Council last night, for the session adjourned three minutes after it was called to order. In connection with the work of laying water and gas pipes and sewers in the annexed territory, Mr. Mills reported that the Finance Committee had not been able to dispose of the bonds authorized by the city for improvement purposes, and the committee, therefore, requested that the sum of \$5,346 be set aside for immediate use, so that the work would not be delayed. An ordinance to this effect was reported. It went on the table for consideration next Monday night.

It was explained that the unfavorable condition of the market had forced the Finance Committee to defer sale of the issue.

COMPANY WILL NOT ACCEPT.

R. & D. Wood Company Give Up Contract for Work on Gas Plant.

The R. & D. Wood Company, of Philadelphia, which was given the contract for laying the mains in the gas plant, soon to be rehabilitated, sent a communication to the Committee on Light, at its meeting last night, stating that it did not care to accept. Mr. W. L. White started the discussion by making a motion that the contract therefore be awarded to the next lowest bidder. He said the company had no more right to bid on the work than on any old contract in Russia, and he thought it unfair to let them publish the bid as a basis for those which might be asked in the future.

General Phillips suggested that no action be taken. He was of the opinion that an investigation might show where the city could save several thousand dollars. He favored no firm in particular, adding: "Am here to represent the city of Richmond."

And so am I," quickly retorted Mr. White.

There was a long, running discussion when bids were opened for supplying the gas plant with coal. Three coal men finally got in on the edge of it, and it took almost an hour to settle the question. The contract, in the end, was awarded to the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal and Coke Company for gas and steam coal. The Standard Oil was the only bidder for one million gallons of gas oil.

To Protect City Crops.

At a meeting of the Street Cleaning Committee yesterday afternoon it was decided to advertise for bids for the erection of a shed sufficiently large to protect the city crops from the bad weather. Complaint was recently made that the value of the property was deteriorating, and for that reason the committee adopted resolutions providing for proper covering.

DIED FROM HEAT.

Young Negro Man Drove Dead Near City Dump While at Work.

Henry Shelton (colored), about twenty-five years old, was overcome by the heat while at work yesterday on Boyd Street near the dump, dying in a few minutes.

home is at No. 624 Harrison Street. The city ambulance was called, and Dr. Strolo pronounced the negro dead when he arrived. Shelton was employed by W. N. Daniel, contractor.

McCarthy Council.

McCarthy Council, Royal Arcanum, initiated a large class of candidates last night. New records are being made by McCarthy Council in the way of membership, the officers expressing the view that they will reach the four hundred mark this month. This council expires to go to the Grand Council next year, with membership of five hundred, which will entitle it to an additional delegate in the sessions of the general body, whose convention will be in Richmond in 1909. Much interest is being manifested, and a bunch of applications are passed on at every meeting.

CUTTING AFFAIR.

Negro Man Repulsed, Cut Young Negro Woman.

There was a good, bloody cutting scrape last night down at the foot of Second Street, where two negroes and a white took part. Just how all happened nobody can tell until Justice Crutched puzzle it out this morning, but from the yards told last night it seems that Robena Jones, a colored damsel, who works at No. 210 South Third Street, went down to Second and Canal for the evening. Alexander Smith, a colored swain, for whom the police have a yearning desire, paid some attentions to Robena, which attentions were resented. Alex produced a razor, and when the air cleared up and the ambulance had arrived it was found that Robena had an ugly gash in her neck, and Alex was not far behind. There will probably be more to tell about it to-day.

HEAT PROSTRATION.

Richmonder Overcome in Front of His Own Home Yesterday.

Mr. J. D. Allen, of No. 1008 Buchanan Street, who was sweeping the pavement in front of his home yesterday morning, fell unconscious, a victim of heat prostration. Eye-witnesses to the accident say that Allen was sweeping steadily, when suddenly he reeled and fell backward with much force against the pavement. His head was caught by the fall, and Dr. Strolo, of the ambulance force, took eight stitches in the wound. Mr. Allen was unconscious for fully an hour, but he recovered from the heat attack and the fall, but was thought to be improving last night.

Richmond Winners.

Among the Richmond people who won ribbons at the Albemarle Horse Show yesterday were Mr. Carl Noll, a yellow, Dr. J. A. White, a red, and Mr. James Chaves, a yellow and white.

Quiet Among Military.

There is quiet in the military camp. The vacation season is at hand and notice has been posted at headquarters that there will be no more drills until September. The regular drill has been held in a dark house these summer nights, except when practice for the approaching rifle range meet is ordered.

DESERTER GIVES UP USELESS FIGHT

Conscience Would Allow No Rest Until He Had Surrendered.

Joseph McIntosh, a young white man, walked into the First Police Station yesterday morning and surrendered to Captain Barfoot as a deserter from the United States Army. For and Ohio Coal and Coke Company for gas and steam coal. The Standard Oil was the only bidder for one million gallons of gas oil.

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determined to give up the fight with himself and surrender to the police. His case will be called in the Police Court this morning. The Washington authorities have been notified, and, if his story is true, will probably take McIntosh before a court-martial, where the probabilities are that he will not be sentenced to more than two years in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

McIntosh is now a pitiful nervous wreck, with no appetite and without any interest in life. He will probably have to have medical attention before standing trial for his offense.

A NEGRO BAND IN VARDAMAN PARADE

JACKSON, MISS., Aug. 1.—"A nigger band!" yelled Governor Vardaman last night when he looked out of his dining-room at the State House and saw twenty-two darky musicians lined up in front of the Governor's mansion tuning up their instruments in preparation for the Vardaman parade.

CITY AMBULANCE HAS RECORD DAY

Doctors Kept on the Jump All Day, With Variety of Cases.

The city ambulance, in charge of Dr. Strolo, had a record day yesterday, having twelve calls from the city, eight, nearly all of the cases being important ones, and requiring considerable attention. Two cases of heat prostration, with one death from heat, was the hot weather record. Other cases of accidents at various factories, cutting scrapes and sundries were taken up. The time of the doctor and were out several horses during the day.

AYRES GETS 45 CENTS BACK.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—Lieutenant Colonel Charles G. Ayres was to-day refunded 45 cents charges on the telegram sent to him by the War Department, notifying him of his retirement.

A Prohibition Victory.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., August 1.—The general prohibition bill, which was reported adversely by the House Committee on Temperance, was to-day taken from the calendar and placed on the favorable calendar for consideration to-morrow.

HAVE NO DELAY ABOUT BUILDING

Senator Martin Wants Matter of New Federal Building Here Settled.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—Senator Martin is coming to Washington in a few days to go over the situation with reference to the Richmond public building with the supervising architect. He has written a letter to the office of the architect, in which he says that his views in the matter have been unchanged. He says he is deeply interested in having the matter settled for once and all, in order that the work of constructing a commodious building, with ample room, may be begun at the earliest possible moment, and that it may be completed as soon as possible.

It is pretty well settled that whatever attitude he may take in the matter will be final with the Treasury Department. The appropriation and the authorization of the Shafter site were secured by him, and the law provides that whatever sort of improvement is made it shall be on this site.

With Senator Martin still favoring the Main Street site, it will hardly be worth while to try to have it changed at this late date. The Treasury Department, if he insists on the

law's being carried out as it is now on the statute books, will have no option in the matter. The officials of the department are inclined to regard it as a closed incident, unless Senator Martin should express a willingness to have the matter go over, pending the acquisition of another site—a thing he will hardly do.

FARMERS IN FATAL DUEL.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., August 1.—Renewing an old quarrel, Ephraim Alsbroke to-day attacked James Dunning with a moving blade. Dunning fired two loads of squirrel shot into Alsbroke's breast, killing him instantly. Both are prominent planters. Dunning surrendered.

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